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SUBJECT: PARANA MEDIO PROJECT AND FOREIGN BUYER VISIT

REF: A. STATE 136050 AND B. BA 3693

1. UNSETTLED EVENTS OF PAST TWO MONTHS IN ARGENTINA HAVE MADE IT UNFEASIBLE TO PROCEED WITH POWER MISSION VISIT TO U.S. THIS VISIT WILL HAVE TO BE SHELVED UNTIL THERE IS A RETURN TO STABILITY HERE.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT EMBASSY HAD PROPOSED COMBINING POWER MISSION VISIT (SEE REFTEL B) WITH GOA CONSULTATIONS ON PARANA MEDIO PROJECT WITH INTERESTED U.S. FIRMS. DESPITE POSTPONEMENT OF THIS VISIT, EMBASSY FEELS IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE EVIDENCE OF ITS INTEREST IN THE PARANA MEDIO PROJECT.

3. WHILE PROJECT APPEARS EVEN FURTHER AWAY NOW THAN BEFORE BECAUSE OF CURRENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ARGENTINA, THIS HAS NOT PREVENTED SOVIETS FROM MOVING AHEAD AND SIGNING A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE GOA ON JULY 15TH FOR THE ENGINEERING PHASE OF PROJECT.

(DETAILS OF THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL). PROJECT DESIGN AND BID SPECIFICATIONS ARE TO BE PREPARED WITH ASSISTANCE

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OF SOVIETS UNDER TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT. UNLESS WE CONTINUE

TO REAFFIRM OUR INTEREST, THE ENGINEERING CRITERIA APPLIED TO THE PROJECT IS LIKELY TO REDUCE THE SCOPE FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF U.S. FIRMS.

4. AUTHORITIES OF GOA SECRETARIAT OF ENERGY HAVE INFORMED SOVIETS OF THEIR PROPOSAL TO USG FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT AND HAVE SUGGESTED TO EMBASSY THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE THAT PRELIMINARY LOW LEVEL CONTACTS TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE TWO EMBASSIES IN BUENOS AIRES ON THIS SUBJECT.

5. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO CONTACT LOCAL SOVIET TRADE DELEGATION OF COMMERCIAL ATTACHE LEVEL FOR THIS PURPOSE. EMBASSY IS OBVIOUSLY NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS TO SOVIETS OR ARGENTINES BUT FEELS IT WOULD BE USEFUL AT THIS TIME TO CONFIRM OUR "INTEREST" IN FURTHER EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES FOR COLLABORATION ON PROJECT. MEETING COULD ALSO BE USEFUL IN DEFINING MORE PRECISELY SOVIET INTEREST AND INTENTIONS VIS A VIS PROJECT.

6. EMBASSY PROJECT OFFICER WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON SOVIETS PRIOR TO DEPARTING ON HOME LEAVE AUGUST 1ST. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE ASAP. EMBASSY WILL MAKE APPOINTMENT FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST UNLESS DEPARTMENT OBJECTS AND SO ADVISES EMBASSY.  
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